

Sons of Italy Foundation to Aid Students

By ALBERT A. MAINO

The Order's Sons of Italy Foundation has taken its first step to implement its foreign exchange student program, it was announced by Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi of Woburn, Mass., president of the Foundation.

Gorrasi reports that the Foundation has completed arrangements with The Institute of International Education and will give financial assistance totaling \$5,536 to four graduate students.

The Foundation will work with The Institute of International Education in the allotment of funds to further the education of the four individuals—one American student who will do graduate study in Italy and three Italian students who will come to this country for advanced study.

The Institute of International Education is a private, non-profit organization founded in 1919. It develops programs of educational exchange for students,

teachers, leaders and specialists between the United States and 80 other countries. IIE administers programs for the United States Government, foreign governments, foundations, universities, corporations, private organizations and individuals, and acts as a clearing house on all phases of international education.

Elaborating on this phase of the Foundation's work in the exchange student program, Gorrasi said:

"Since the inception of the Foundation at the 1959 Supreme Convention in Boston, our mem-

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MASSACHUSETTS—Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi of Woburn, Mass., second from right, accepts the Republic of Italy's Ordine al Merito della Repubblica, with the rank of Commendatore, from Dr. Alfredo Trinchieri, Italian consul general in Boston. Others witnessing the presentation are, from left, Mrs. Madeline Miceli, Medford, First Assistant Grand Venerable; Ex-Grand Venerable Paul A. D'Agostino, Green Harbor; U. S. Sen. Benjamin A. Smith, and Grand Venerable Peter E. Donadio, Dorchester. Presentation was made at the Massachusetts Grand Lodge's 47th annual convention banquet at Chicopee.

The Order's Campaign

PR Committee Reports

By A. ALFRED MARCELLO

In the May 1961 issue of OSIA NEWS we presented a detailed report on the Order's long-standing campaign "to defend the good name of the Italian people."

This report was made for a number of reasons. Chief purpose, however, was:

1. To present indisputable proof that the Order Sons of Italy in America under the leadership of Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi was the front-runner in the battle against "slanted" news reporting and certain television crime programs which stereotyped Italians as throat-slitting criminals.

2. To show the wide scope of the Order's campaign and at the same time provide members throughout the United States and Canada with a documented record for use in public relations works on a local level.

The report covered a three-year period, starting in 1958 and ending March 31 of this year. With this issue we are resuming our report to the membership. On page three of this edition we are carrying a record of the work of the Order's National Public Relations Committee beginning with April 1 where we left off in the May issue of this year. We are

chronicling our work through June of this year.

This will be our last opportunity before the Supreme Lodge Convention in August to report on the Order's campaign through the columns of OSIA NEWS.

Whatever is done, however, by the National Public Relations Committee between now and the time of the Supreme Convention will be presented orally to the delegates, thus giving them a complete picture of our work since the last Supreme Lodge convention held two years ago in Boston.

In this issue we are carrying a number of letters sent by the National Committee on Public Relations in recent weeks as part of the Order's campaign.

Of chief interest are letters to President Kennedy and Richard E. Berlin, president of the Hearst Corp. Their replies are also published.

The letters speak for themselves, of course. But they show how carefully the Order has gone

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PENNSYLVANIA—Carmine DeSapio, center, New York City Democratic leader and principal speaker at the 26th biennial convention banquet held at Pittsburgh, chats with Mayor Joseph Barr, left, and Atty. Louis Glassco, convention general chairman, who was toastmaster.

Supreme Lodge Convention Opens August 17

Reports by nine of the Order's national committees and a report of progress of the Sons of Italy Foundation will highlight the 27th biennial Supreme Convention August 17-21 to be held at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D. C.

Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi, Woburn, Mass., who will preside, will call for reports from the following committees: Public Relations, National Memorial Home, Marconi Award, Laws, National Insurance, Italian Culture, National Historical Society and Garibaldi-Meucci Memorial

Museum; Immigration and Naturalization, and OSIA NEWS.

Among the topics to be discussed and acted upon will be a proposal calling for the establishment of a national weekly newspaper for the Order.

Also submitting reports will be Supreme Venerable Gorrasi, Supreme Orator Joseph C. Palermo, Ambler, Pa.; Supreme Recording Secretary Joseph A. L. Errigo, Wilmington, Del., and Supreme Financial Secretary Americo DeMartini, Philadelphia.

The invocation and commemoration of deceased members will

be given by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Guido L. Pallotta, Revere, Mass., Supreme Chaplain.

In other convention activities, delegates will elect new officers for the 1961-63 term.

The social agenda will include the convention banquet, luncheons, a dance, a sightseeing tour, a fashion show for the women attending, a performance by the Air Force Symphony Orchestra, and a Mass at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, followed by a breakfast in the shrine's restaurant.

THE WINCHELL MATTER

Letter to Hearst Corporation

Dear Mr. Berlin:

You undoubtedly will recall that we had some correspondence in the past on a matter of vital interest to members of the Order Sons of Italy in America. We had hoped to resolve our problems through a meeting of Hearst executives and top officials of our organization.

In your Nov. 28, 1960 letter to me you stated that you planned to give my letter of Nov. 23, 1960 to Mr. Harold G. Kern, and that we would hear from him.

We did not press the matter further because subsequently there appeared to be a noticeable change in the tenor and treatment of certain material in the Hearst newspapers which for some time was distressing a vast segment of Americans of Italian origin.

We were heartened by this noticeable change in "climate" and we believed that it augured well for the future. Under the circumstances I suggested to the Supreme Council at a special meeting in Miami last February that perhaps there was no further need for a meeting between Hearst executives and representatives of the Sons of Italy.

In recent weeks, however, an incident created by Walter Winchell, the columnist, has disturbed many of our members.

In a column published in the New York Mirror April 3, 1961, Mr. Winchell made some pointed remarks which we believe have tarnished the political image of men and women of Italian origin.

Mr. Winchell in essence stated that President Kennedy had failed to appoint anyone of Italian origin to a position of importance in his administration because a number of persons suggested for appointment had been recommended by men linked with and we quote: "The Big M."

Now this is the sort of thing that prompted us to write to you some months ago. Mr. Winchell and others in the Hearst organization have been bandying the word "Mafia" about for several years without regard for established fact.

When we first wrote you we were prepared to show you or your representative proof of what we can justly term as callow journalism.

We have purposely refrained from making any comment concerning Mr. Winchell's remarks in his column of April 3, although a number of newspapers and other media have made much of this unfortunate incident. We thought it would be best for the air to clear before we made any representations to you. Some of our members have written to Mr. Winchell in the past few weeks. But they did so as individuals which is their right, of course.

Now that sufficient time has elapsed our national president, Atty. Joseph Gorrasi of Woburn, Mass., has asked that I make an official protest to you concerning Mr. Winchell's column. And this I am doing.

Also I have been instructed to convey to you our individual and collective appreciation for the excellent series of articles on prominent Americans of Italian origin which have been appearing in the New York Mirror. These are well done and we think it only fair that you and The Mirror be commended for the presentation of this material.

I hope that you will give this letter serious consideration and that you will be kind enough to reply at your earliest convenience. If there is any further information I can give you please do not hesitate to call on me.

With every best wish, I am

Respectfully yours,

A. Alfred Marcello, National Chairman

Pres. Richard E. Berlin's Letter

Dear Mr. Marcello:

I have your letter of June 8th. Certainly there are going to be incidents, such as you mention, regarding Mr. Winchell. I know that Mr. Winchell was spoken to and that he has been very laudatory in his column about Italians in America.

Our other papers have likewise tried to do everything to correct the injustice that you first called to our attention. I have had letters from many people, notably our good friend, Samuel DiFalco, Judge of the Surrogate Court here, as to the excellent manner in which the Hearst papers have been cooperating with the movement you represent.

I am taking the liberty of sending your letter to Mr. Charles McCabe, the Publisher of our Mirror newspaper. I assure you he feels exactly as do I, and all of our other Publishers and executives, as to the quality and outstanding Americanism of our Italian friends. We want to do everything that is helpful.

Sincerely,

R. E. Berlin

Reply to Mr. Berlin's Letter

Dear Mr. Berlin:

Please accept our thanks for the prompt manner in which you answered our letter of June 8. It was most kind of you to interrupt your busy schedule to write to me. We are mindful of the fact that in a vast and complex operation as the Hearst organization you cannot please everyone. Someone is always getting hurt and as a newspaper editor of long experience I know there is no simple formula to resolve the vexing problems that confront the modern newspaper.

However, let me say that your letter of June 13 was most

White House Correspondence

The following is complete text of correspondence between the Order's National Committee on Public Relations and the White House in an incident stemming from certain remarks made by Walter Winchell in his syndicated column last April:

Order's Letter to President

Dear Mr. President:

I have had the honor and privilege of writing to you on a number of occasions while you were a member of the United States Senate. This we did in our capacity as National Public Relations Chairman for the Order Sons of Italy in America. And we are happy to say that in each instance you showed me and our organization every possible courtesy.

We are writing to you at this time because we feel there is an urgent need that you be made aware of a certain matter which is distressing thousands of members in the Order Sons of Italy in America. We are, of course, writing to you in my capacity as National Public Relations Chairman of our group and with the express approval of our Supreme Venerable, Atty. Joseph Gorrasi of Woburn, Mass.

And if you will allow me a personal indulgence what I will say here is also presented as "a friend of the Court."

You undoubtedly are aware that for some months now there has been considerable speculation over what has been characterized in the press and elsewhere, as the apparent failure of the present administration in Washington to appoint someone of Italian origin to a "high" Federal post. As you know some newspaper columnists have made a great deal of this.

Now we are not concerned by the diatribe of the columnists. As a long-time newspaper editor I have learned to discount so-called "inside" information being peddled these days by a number of writers.

But we are concerned and we believe rightly so, as to how this information is reacting among our members, particularly among key officials throughout the country.

Letters reaching this office from all parts of the United States are quite disturbing. They indicate that a sizable segment of our membership actually believes that the Kennedy administration has deliberately ignored the "Italian Community" in the matter of Federal governmental appointments.

The Order Sons of Italy in America since its inception some 55 years ago has always maintained a strict policy of neutrality in political matters. This we are bound to by our by-laws.

However, in matters where the image of men and women of Italian origin, political or otherwise, is involved we feel we have every right to speak out.

We believe that we have earned this right since we are the largest fraternal organization of its kind in the United States.

We believe, unwittingly or otherwise, the political image of our people has been tarnished by the persistent reports that the present administration in Washington is reluctant to appoint men and women of Italian origin to responsible government positions.

This is unfortunate, of course, but the fact remains that this belief is commonly held.

We would like to make one thing quite clear. Under no circumstances is this letter to be interpreted as criticism of you or your policies. The Supreme Council of the Order Sons of Italy in America is on record as pledging to you, as President of the United States, our "support, cooperation and assistance."

These sentiments were contained in a telegram

reassuring. I feel quite confident that no one in your organization would intentionally do anything to harm the image of the millions of American men and women of Italian origin. I sincerely believe that our correspondence has served a good purpose. I feel that we have a better understanding of problems of mutual interest and that these problems can be resolved to the satisfaction of all concerned.

We were pleased to note that you forwarded my letter of June 8 to Mr. Charles McCabe, the Publisher of the New York Mirror. This should help to create a better atmosphere in that quarter.

Should there be any need for it we certainly will not hesitate to write to you again because we know now that we will be extended every courtesy.

Meanwhile, my personal thanks and the thanks of my organization for your understanding of our problem.

Sincerely yours,

A. Alfred Marcello, National Chairman

which was dispatched to you at the conclusion of the plenary sessions of the Order's Supreme Council at Miami, Fla., last February.

On behalf of the Order Sons of Italy in America, we reaffirm our support and cooperation in any and all matters that will redound to the good of our entire citizenry, to the welfare of mankind, and to the achievement of peace throughout the world.

Again we say that what we have presented here has been done solely to bring certain facts to your attention for your earnest consideration.

My apologies for presuming on your valuable time.

With every best wish for your continued success and good health, I am

Respectfully yours,

A. Alfred Marcello, Chairman
National Public Relations Committee

Reply from Kennedy's Assistant

Dear Mr. Marcello:

The President has asked me to reply to your kind letter of recent date concerning the unrest which you have noted in some parts of the Italo-American community about the apparent failure of the administration to appoint Italo-Americans to positions of trust in the government.

The President appreciates very much the spirit which prompted your letter. As you know, charges which have been circulated by some elements of the press with respect to the appointment of Italo-Americans are without foundation. For instance, an American of Italian extraction is a special assistant to the President, another is the chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, several are under active favorable consideration for high judicial posts, and many Italo-Americans are serving with distinction at various levels of the federal government. I can certainly assure you as a matter of record and intent that this administration has no inhibitions whatever about appointing qualified Italo-Americans or any other qualified citizen to positions of trust and responsibility.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your candid expression of views, and I certainly hope that you will feel free to be in touch with us.

Sincerely,

Ralph A. Dungan

Special Assistant to the President

Reply to White House Letter

Dear Mr. Dungan:

Thank you for your kindness in replying so promptly to my letter of June 12. We are, of course, pleased at the tenor of your letter. The sentiments expressed should help to reassure the members of our organization who have been most unhappy over the turn of events I described in my first letter to President Kennedy.

Atty. Joseph Gorrasi, Woburn, Mass., Supreme Venerable of the Order Sons of Italy in America, has seen a copy of your letter. Mr. Gorrasi has asked me to convey his thanks and the thanks of our organization for your courteous manner in which you have handled this matter.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

A. Alfred Marcello, National Chairman

Hymn to Columbus
By Illinois Composer

CHICAGO — Dominick M. Alberti, grand trustee of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, has composed a song entitled "Hymn to Christopher Columbus." The lyrics were written by Alberti and Associates. The new work is dedicated to the memory of Christopher Columbus "who has given to the World a new land, where all men are free."

A Report to the Order

(Editor's Note: On this page we pick up where we left off in the May issue in reporting to the entire Order on what is being done by the National Committee on Public Relations "to defend the good name of the Italian people.")

APRIL

April 1—National Public Relations Chairman Marcello wrote to Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi regarding an editorial which appeared in the March issue of the radio and television trade magazine, Broadcasting. The editorial deplored the acts of certain groups (not the Order) for the manner in which they combatted the TV stereotyping of Italians as criminals. In his letter Marcello wrote the Supreme Venerable: "The editorial shows how a delicate balance can be upset by irrational acts."

April 24—Letter and Canadian newspaper clippings received from Grand Administrative Secretary Josephine Lavey of Welland, Ont. Her letter stated: "During the past week our Canadian papers have been smeared with this 'Mafia' headline, it is front page news..."

MAY

May 1—Letter and supplement of May edition sent to Mrs. Lavey requesting that she continue to send news clips for additional study "before deciding on a course of action."

May 3—Letters and copies of May issue supplement relative to report of National Public Relations Committee showing Order's work "to defend the good name of the Italian people," were sent to: National Director Benjamin R. Epstein, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, New York City; Gov. Michael V. DiSalle, Ohio; Gov. John R. Notte, Rhode Island; Gov. Albert D. Rosellini, Washington; Gov. John A. Volpe, Massachusetts; U. S. Senators Barry M. Goldwater, Arizona, and John O. Pastore, Rhode Island; Congressmen J. P. Addabbo, Alfred E. Santangelo, New York; Emilio Q. Daddario, Robert N. Giaino, Connecticut; John H. Dent, Pennsylvania; Delbert A. Latta, Ohio; Roland V. Libonati, Illinois, and Peter W. Rodino Jr., New Jersey.

May 5—Letters and copies of May supplement sent to Congressmen Silvio O. Conte, Massachusetts, and Victor L. Anfuso, New York.

May 5—Letter from Dr. Joseph L. Lichten asking to be briefed on "current developments and problems. I am particularly interested if I could be of any help to you and your organization."

May 8—Reply from Congressman Conte expressing appreciation at being kept abreast of "this highly important and sensitive problem facing our people."

May 8—Reply from Congressman Rodino which said in part: "There is no doubt that your efforts over the last two years have been responsible for much of the improvement in the national image of Italians and Americans of Italian descent."

May 8—Letter from Dr. Lichten of ADL suggesting a possible discussion relating to "our joint struggle against anti-Italian prejudice" in preparation for the Supreme Lodge convention.

May 10—Reply to Dr. Lichten advising him that resume of ADL assistance in Order's campaign would be in order in convention report. Marcello also said: "About our only problem at the moment is Winchell... he precipitated quite a furore with remarks he made in a column (April 3) regarding appointments of Italian-Americans to Federal jobs."

May 10—Letter received from Public Relations Chairman Anthony Puperi of Gary, Ind. Puperi enclosed a Chicago Daily Tribune article released by United Press International at Kansas City, Mo., which used the word "Mafia." Also enclosed was a 'hate' letter

The Quote Of the Month

"I wish these (television) shows that have insulted the good name of the Italian people would devote a program to the progress the Italian-Americans have made... they could film a wonderful show right here in Massachusetts..."

(Excerpts from a speech made by U. S. Senator Benjamin A. Smith of Massachusetts before the Bay State Grand Lodge Convention.)

sent to a member of the Order by the American Nazi Party attacking the Jewish people.

May 10—Letter to Supreme Venerable Gorrasi listing Italian-American newspapers that have been kept informed of the Order's work in defending the good name of the Italian people.

May 11—Reply from Governor Rosellini of Washington, which said "... May I encourage you to pursue this program vigorously."

May 12—Reply from Public Relations Chairman of Unico National, Augustine LaCorte, which said in part: "Unico National salutes you and your organization on the most commendable job that has been done to combat the defamation of the Italian name in America." The report in the May issue, LaCorte said, "shows a devotion and dedication—that is surpassed by no group and we of Unico are grateful for your efforts."

May 15—Reply from Congressman Santangelo of New York commending the Order "for a painstaking effort to defend the good name of the Italian people. I wish you the best of luck in your endeavors, and you can depend upon my support in every good cause."

May 15—Letter received from Dr. Lichten of ADL in which Dr. Lichten said: "I expect that you will make an oral (Supreme Convention) report and I am glad of it. Such a report will be very much in order not only because you are doing a magnificent job and the convention should acknowledge this important contribution, but also because the babble is not over yet and you need the support and enthusiasm of your constituency."

May 16—Letter to Dr. Lichten advising him of steps being taken by the Order regarding Walter Winchell. A copy of the 'hate' letter sent to the member of the Indiana Order was forwarded to ADL suggesting that action be taken against the so-called American Nazi Party.

May 16—Letter to Henry Minott of the United Press International office at Boston which included copy of May issue supplement and UPI news story of May 5 from Kansas City. Mr. Minott was asked to channel letter and enclosures "to proper sources." It further stated: "The Boston bureau of the UPI has been most kind to our organization in helping us to resolve our

problem. Perhaps other bureaus would do well to take a leaf from your book."

May 16—Letter to Augustine LaCorte, public relations chairman, Unico National, which said in part: "There is no doubt that there are many areas in which the Order and Unico National could cooperate to achieve the most common good. ... I am certain that by a mutual understanding of our problems we can be of assistance to each other. Rest assured we will explore every possible avenue to bring about a closer relationship."

May 17—Letter to Public Relations Chairman Puperi of Indiana advising him what action had been taken relative to material sent May 10.

May 17—Reply to Governor Rosellini of Washington stating: "It is indeed encouraging to note that you support our program."

May 18—Reply from Henry Minott of UPI's Boston office, which said, "Thanks, I am relaying your comment and other material to our Kansas City bureau."

May 19—Letter to Dr. Lichten of ADL suggesting several dates for his appearance at Supreme Convention.

May 24—Reply received from Congressman Addabbo of New York assuring the Order of his "full cooperation in this campaign."

JUNE

June 8—The National Public Relations Committee continued its representations to officials of the Hearst Corp., in an effort to resolve mutual problems stemming from certain remarks made by the columnist, Walter Winchell. In a letter to the president of the corporation, Richard E. Berlin, National Chairman Marcello deplored Winchell's remarks "which we believe have tarnished the political image of men and women of Italian origin."

June 12—Letter to President Kennedy which cited the Order's position in the controversy stemming from reports circulating throughout the country that the Kennedy administration is reluctant to appoint men and women of Italian origin to responsible positions in the Federal government.

June 13—Reply from Mr. Berlin, president of The Hearst Corporation, which said in part: "Certainly there are going to be incidents, such as you mention... I am taking the liberty of sending your letter to Mr. Charles McCabe, the Publisher of our Mirror newspaper. I assure you he feels exactly as do I, and all of our other Publishers and executives, as to the quality and outstanding Americanism of our Italian friends."

June 16—Reply to Mr. Berlin pointing out that the letter of June 13 "was most reassuring." Marcello's letter stated: "I feel quite confident that no one in your organization would intentionally do anything to harm the image of the millions of American men and women of Italian origin. I sincerely believe that

Letter From Arizona

Praise For the Order

The following letter was received from Lido J. Peduzi, president of the Great Southwest Investment Co., Inc., of Phoenix, Arizona:

July 11, 1961

Dear Mr. Marcello:

I have been following the good work that the Sons of Italy have been doing and feel that you are on the right foot. In my experience with clubs for Italian Americans, it seems to me that the only way that one can be successful is for affiliation with a National organization such as yours.

I wish that you would send me whatever information you have about the Sons of Italy and also whatever you would require for us to have a Phoenix chapter.

If we can consummate an arrangement so that we may start a local chapter I would be glad to make this a personal project.

Will you please forward this letter to the proper authorities.

Thank you for your efforts.

(Editor's Note: A copy of Mr. Peduzi's letter has been sent to Supreme Venerable Gorrasi. Also the National Chairman of the Order's Committee on Public Relations has replied to Mr. Peduzi thanking him for his interest in the Order's work.)

our correspondence has served a good purpose."

June 19—Reply received from Ralph A. Dungan, Special Assistant to President Kennedy, which said in part: "The President appreciates very much the spirit which prompted your letter." Dungan stated that charges circulated by "some elements of the press with respect to the appointment of Italo-Americans are without foundation."

June 30—Letter to Ralph A. Dungan, special assistant to President Kennedy, in which Marcello expresses the thanks of the Order "for the courteous manner in which you have handled this matter." The sentiments expressed in the Dungan letter Marcello said "should help to reassure members of our organization who have been unhappy over the turn of events" described in the letter to President Kennedy.

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about the business of "defending the good name of Italian people."

They showed, too, in the words of Supreme Venerable Gorrasi that:

1. The Order Sons of Italy in America refuses to "be stamped" into irrational acts which do more harm than good.

2. The Order will choose its own weapons and the battle-grounds on which to fight bigotry and acts which create a false image of the millions of Americans of Italian origin.

3. The efficacy of the Order's campaign has been demonstrated by the results achieved.

Since March 31 of this year several matters of vital interest to the Order have come up and the National Committee on Public Relations has been able to keep on top of developments largely because of the public relations program instituted by Supreme Venerable Gorrasi.

There was, for example, the matter of Walter Winchell's remarks in his column of April 3. This was the column in which Winchell made the irresponsible charge that the Kennedy administration was reluctant to appoint anyone of Italian origin to high governmental posts because the men recommended for appointment were closely associated with leaders in the "Big M."

There was a great deal of publicity given to this incident. This resulted in much confusion and misunderstanding. The Order proceeded with a great deal of caution in this matter.

As National Public Relations Chairman this writer consulted Supreme Venerable Gorrasi. These consultations resulted in the institution of a series of steps to deal with the problem. Primary object was for the Order to continue its "behind-the-scenes" operations rather than bring the matter out into the open at a time when a delicate balance in negotiations could be upset.

The first move made was to

consult officials of B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League.

Next, a letter was sent to Mr. Richard E. Berlin, president of the Hearst Corp. A copy of this letter and Mr. Berlin's reply will be found on page two of this issue.

This was followed by correspondence with the White House. In a letter to President Kennedy, this writer expressed the Order's concern over the nation-wide reaction to Winchell's column.

A complete record of this correspondence will also be found in this issue of OSIA NEWS.

All this correspondence is being published as a matter of information for our members so that they will know what has been done in their behalf.

Obviously, there will be other matters that will come up between the time this issue goes to press and the August convention. If they do we will continue to do what we have in the past—consult Supreme Venerable Gorrasi and then implement whatever policy is laid down for us to follow.

That is the only logical way to do things. And we will make it quite plain again. We do not care one iota what others do in matters like the Winchell incident. The Order has its own way of doing things and no one is going to stampee our organization into acting when it doesn't want to act or moving when it doesn't want to move.

We must never lose sight of the fact that the Order Sons of Italy in America is the largest fraternal organization of its kind in the country and that distinction imposes certain responsibilities on our leadership and our membership as well.

When there is any need for action we will act. But we will do it on our terms and not because of the hysteria of some misguided persons.

Congressman Conte's Letter

JULY 10, 1961—The following letter from Congressman Silvio O. Conte of Massachusetts was received by the Order's National Committee on Public Relations:

Dear Mr. Marcello:

"Thank you for the July issue of OSIA NEWS. The enthusiasm and backing for your campaign is most gratifying to all of us. It was thoughtful of you to include my words of praise for the fine job you are doing in your July edition."



BROCKTON, MASS.—Committee members of 45th anniversary banquet of Anita Garibaldi Lodge, first row, left to right, Anna Alfieri, Lena T. Gennaco, toastmaster; Venerable Alice Lombardi, Phyllis Pantano, Rumilda Lalli, Sabina Taranino, Diane Beaver, Mary Relleva; rear, left to right, Matilda Ritucci, Lena Brown, Concetta Ramodetta, Mabel Gennaco and Sophie Saviski. More than 200 persons attended the banquet.



CHICAGO, ILL.—The bowling team of Anita Garibaldi Lodge No. 1351 recently won the Chicago American Classic tournament and first prize of \$1,000. More recently the team placed first in the Junior Major "Scratch" League. In winning the Chicago American Classic, the girls outdistanced 392 other entries. Left to right, Vivian Regnier, Marie Grotto, JoAnn Montalto, Terry Jaworski and Capt. Jackie Montalto.

The Distaff Side Of The Order



PITTSBURGH, PA.—Councilwoman Mary Varallo of Philadelphia, left, named "Woman of the Year" by the Women's Division at the Pennsylvania Grand convention, is presented Silver Tray Award by Mrs. Mary Ciccarone, division president.



SCHENECTADY, N. Y.—Mrs. John DeSarbo, seated, is crowned queen of the membership drive of Cornelia Lodge No. 1980 following an initiation of a class of new members. Looking on as Mrs. John Santilli adjusts tiara, are Mrs. Alvino DiSarro, membership chairman, and Mrs. Stephen DiGiorgio, who served as herald at the initiation.



ASHTABULA, OHIO—Members of Anita Garibaldi Lodge No. 722 model latest fashions at showing presented by Carlisle-Allen Co., at a recent lodge banquet. Mrs. Albert DiAngelo, chairman, seated, is shown with Mrs. Rocco Venditti and Mrs. James Capuano.

Norfolk, Va.

Mollura Honored By Gorizia, Roma Lodges

NORFOLK, Va. — Anthony Mollura, recently named supreme delegate for the Virginia Order, was honored at a testimonial dinner by members of Roma Lodge No. 254 and Cuore di Maria Gorizia Lodge in appreciation for his many years of service to the Order.

Speakers lauded Mollura for his service to the lodge and Grand Lodge and for his work in the state fund drive for the National Memorial Home. Virginia has topped its \$1,500 quota by raising \$1,605.

Anthony L. Falletta, venerable of Roma Lodge, was toastmaster.

The committee, Assistant Venerable John Promutico, Rose Promutico, Joseph Galano, Chris LaRosa and Grand Trustee A. D. Minutolo.

Providence, R. I.

Italian Study Award Presented

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Barbara Montanaro, 15, student at Esek Hopkins Jr. High School, was awarded a trophy for her proficiency in the study of Italian at ceremonies held in the school auditorium. The trophy is awarded annually by Vittoria and Columbia Lodges.



The awarding ceremony was preceded by recitation of Italian poetry and a performance of an Italian play by the Italian class in which Miss Montanaro gave evidence of her proficiency in the language.

MONTANARO School Principal Bernard Buonanno, in a brief talk, congratulated Miss Montanaro on winning the award and extended praise for her instructor Leonard Nannarone,

whose dedication has spurred his pupils in the study of the Italian language.

Among the large crowd of parents and friends which filled the auditorium were Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Montanaro, parents of the recipient, Vincent Bucci and Nino DiSalle headed a large delegation from Vittoria Lodge. Mrs. Dorothy Campanini and Mrs. Vincent Bucci were in charge of the group from Columbia Lodge.

Gloria Lodge 40th Anniversary

PROVIDENCE, R. I. — Members of Gloria Lodge No. 1098 observed the lodge's 40th anniversary at a celebration held at Lindy's Ball Room.

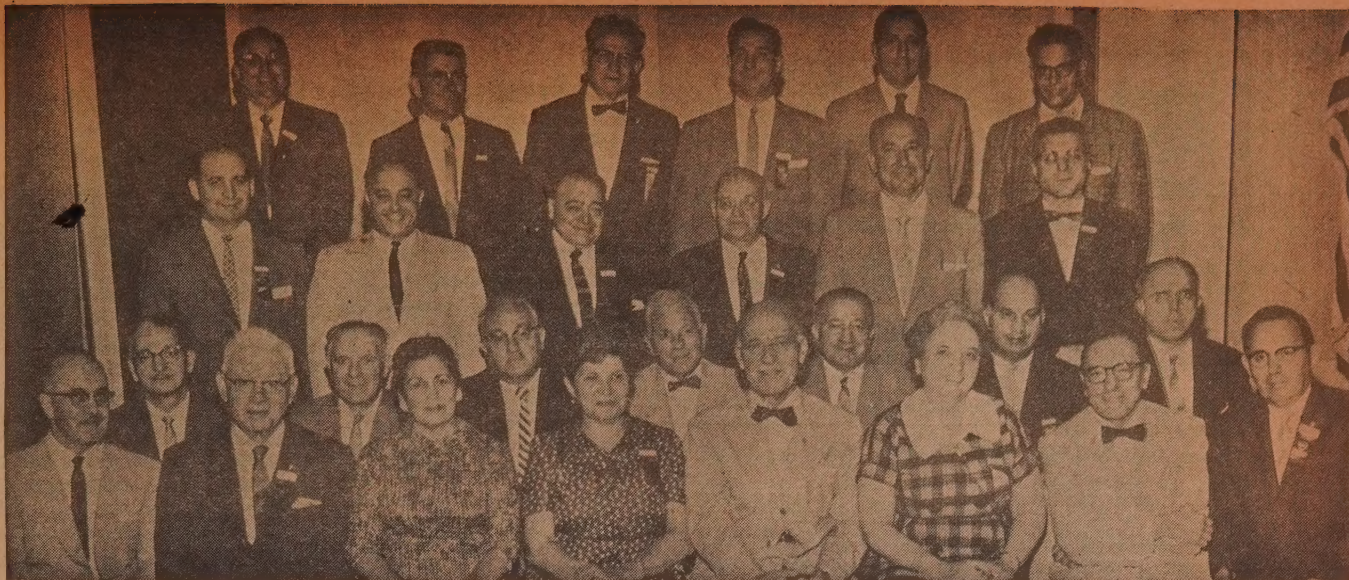
Grand Venerable Luigi Scala was a speaker. Mrs. Flora Sciotti, venerable of the lodge, welcomed the gathering. Lodge founders attending were Mrs. Emilia Fontana, Mrs. Maria Colucci and Mrs. Ida Mori.

GRAND VENERABLE



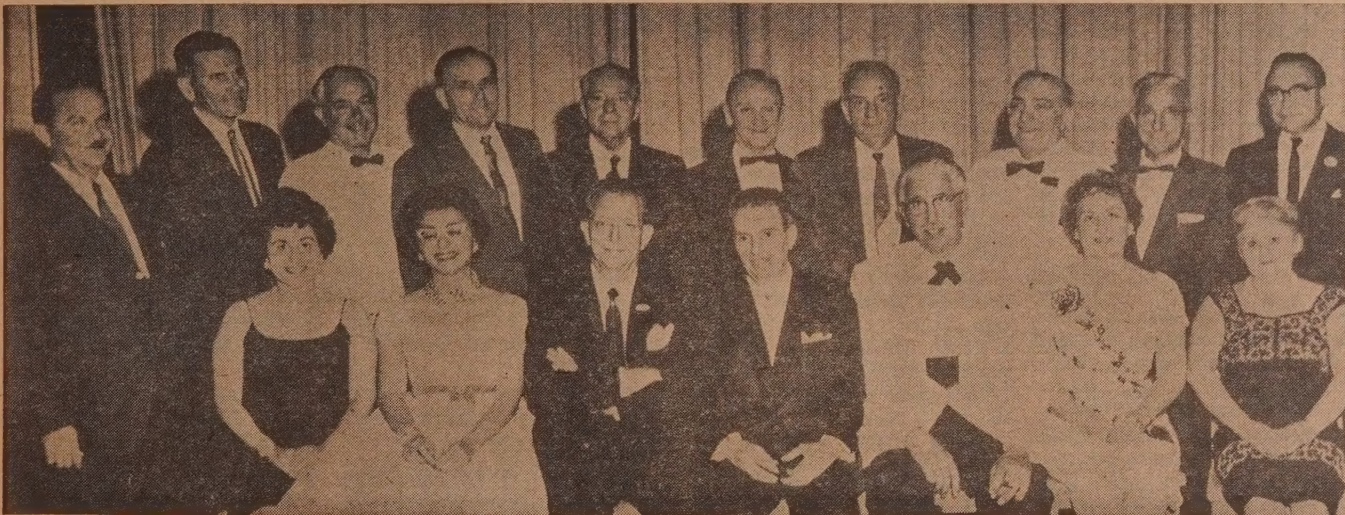
PETER A. BREVETT

Peter A. Brevett, Cortland attorney, has been elected Grand Venerable of New York at the Grand Lodge's 55th annual grand convention held at Swan Lake. Grand Venerable Brevett, elected unanimously by delegations representing 42 lodges, is the first Cortland resident to be named to the office. He succeeds Judge Carmine A. Ventiera of Brooklyn.



PENNSYLVANIA GRAND LODGE OFFICERS—First row, left to right, Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi, Philadelphia; Grand Treasurer Anthony J. Zaffiro, Reading; Mrs. Mary Ciccarone, Norristown, president, Women's Division; Grand Financial Secretary Josephine Parrillo, Philadelphia; President Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini, Philadelphia, Grand Venerable, reelected by acclamation; Mrs. Mary DiSilvestro, Philadelphia, president, Dante School Commission; Assistant Grand Venerable Americo V. Cortese, Philadelphia; Assistant Grand Venerable Albert Chenet, Latrobe; second row, left to right, Grand Trustee James Iorfida, Ambridge; Grand Trustee Frank Bosco, Monessen; Grand Orator Eugene Mirarchi, Kulpmont; Grand Trustee Richard Daddona, Norristown; Grand Trustee John Teti, Coatesville; Grand Trustee Anthony DeOre, Connellsville; Grand Trustee Adolph Cicco, Butler; third row, left to right, Nicholas A. Cipriani, Philadelphia, president, Mortuary Fund; Grand Trustee Guy Mammolite, Franklin; Grand Trustee Harry Farina, Harrisburg; Grand Trustee John M. DePanfilis, Ridgeway; Grand Trustee Joseph Monte, Springfield; Joseph Valeo, Philadelphia, president, Hospitalization Commission; fourth row, left to right, Grand Trustee Sam Murano, Wilkes-Barre; Grand Trustee Theodore Magistro, Johnstown; Grand Trustee Ernest M. Strollo, Germantown; Grand Trustee Jerry Risoldi, Altoona; Grand Trustee Paul Tranchitella, Philadelphia, and Grand Trustee Antonio Leone, Allentown, Assistant Grand Venerable James Iannucci, Philadelphia, was absent when photo was taken.

Convention Time In The Order



FLORIDA GRAND COUNCIL—Seated, left to right, Grand Recording Secretary Lillian Perzia, Tampa; Assistant Grand Venerable Grace S. Genco, Tampa; Grand Venerable Renzo Abbondandolo, Coral Gables, elected by acclamation; Ex-Supreme Venerable George J. Spatuzza, Chicago, convention banquet speaker; Ex-Grand Venerable John B. Sartor, Tampa; Grand Trustee Angelina Spoto, Tampa; Grand Trustee Caroline Cagnina, Tampa; standing, left to right, Supreme Delegate Frank P. Settecas, Tampa; Grand Financial Secretary Angelo Giunta, Tampa; Grand Treasurer Frank P. Pellicoro, Miami; Grand Trustee Arthur DiLallo, Miami; Grand Orator Vincent Guastella, Tampa; Grand Chaplain Joseph LaPlaca, St. Petersburg; Grand Trustee Anthony Leone Sr., Ft. Meyers; Grand Trustee Domenick D'Amato, St. Petersburg; Grand Trustee Steve Spoto, Tampa, and Supreme Trustee Luigi A. Fiorentino, Miami, banquet speaker. Grand Trustees Angelo Giovenco and Alfred J. Masselli, both of Tampa, and Guard Ernest Zambenardi, Ft. Lauderdale, were absent when photo was taken.



INDIANA GRAND COUNCIL—Seated, left to right, Grand Orator Joseph P. Yaney, Fort Wayne; Assistant Grand Venerable Terzo Amidei, Gary; Grand Recording Secretary Elizabeth Gentile, Fort Wayne; Grand Venerable Sylvester Yaney, Fort Wayne; Ex-Grand Venerable Peter Sabu, East Chicago; Grand Financial Secretary Lucy Castelluccio, Richmond; standing, left to right, Grand Treasurer Ralph Quaglio, Richmond; Grand Trustee Lila Puperi, Fort Wayne; Grand Trustee Marie Sabau, East Chicago; Grand Trustee Philip Pappin, Richmond; Grand Trustee Mary Mitroni, Richmond, and Grand Trustee William Lebrato, Fort Wayne.

Rhode Island

Luigi Scala Reelected

WEST WARWICK, R. I. — Luigi Scala of Providence has been re-elected to a 14th consecutive two-year term as Grand Venerable of the Rhode Island Order.

Other members of the Grand Council elected at the 48th annual grand convention were; First Assistant Grand Venerable Raymond J. Pettine, Second Assistant Grand Venerable Vincent J. Baccari, Third Assistant Grand Venerable Domenic Agostini, Grand Orator Vincent A. Ragosta, Grand Recording Secretary Luigi Conti, Grand Financial Secretary Vincent Bucci, Grand Treasurer Nicandro DiSandro, all of Providence; Grand Trustees: Thomas Caruso, Newport; Joseph P. Muschiano Jr., Coventry; Miss Elena Pilloni, Cranston; Mrs. Josephine D'Ambra, Mrs. Yolanda Recchia, Thomas Caladroni Jr., Nino DiSalle and Vincent J. Marino.

Edmund Baldi, Pawtucket, was elected supreme delegate.

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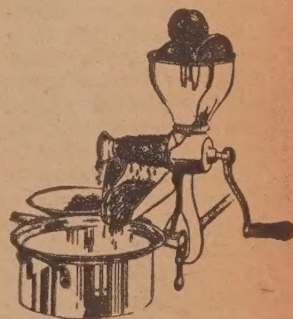
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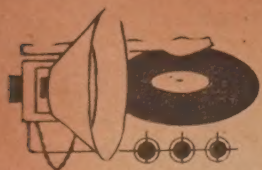
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RECORDS IN REVIEW

By A. ALFRED MARCELLO

This is the time of the year when the major recording companies usually take a "breather." So there is not much to report in the way of new records.

It's the Summer doldrums over again. But it will be a different story come the Fall. The production line will be back again in high gear and there should be some interesting albums in store for the audiophile.

Yet, the Summer has not been a total loss. There has been some delectable music to reach the dealers' shelves.

London Records, for example, has recorded in stereo Handel's *L'Allegro ed il Penseroso*. There are two discs in this recording with an all-British cast topped by Peter Pears, the tenor, and Helen Watts, contralto.

David Willcocks conducts the Philharmonica of London with Thurston Dart at the harpsichord and organ. The performance has a decided English flavor which may not sit well with some listeners. But there is no denying that it is splendidly done. Peter Pears is tops as is Miss Watts and the others in the cast, namely Elizabeth Harwood, Elsie Morison, Hervey Alan and the St. Anthony Singers.

The sound is of the top-drawer variety. Excellent notes and texts are supplied by London.

Chamber Music

There is a wealth of lovely music in L'Oiseau-Lyre's (London) recording of Mozart's *Divertimento in D Major, K. 251* and *Divertimento in F Major, K. 247*. It is performed by the English Chamber Orchestra directed by Colin Davis.

Divertimento in D Major, for solo oboe and strings, is probably the most light-hearted music written by Mozart. *Divertimento in F Major* features strings and two horns. Both works are performed with polish by Colin Davis and his chamber ensemble.

Mantovani

No question about it, Mantovani does it again. Play his latest release *Theme From Carnival* and you'll see what we mean. This London recording is beautifully done. It's available in both stereo and monaural. Besides the theme from Broadway's latest hit show, *Carnival*, Mantovani plays music from other hit musicals such as *Fiorello*, *The King and I*, *West Side Story*, *Flower Drum Song*, *The Sound of Music*, *The Most Happy Fella*, *Camelot*, *Do Re Mi*, *The Music Man*, *My Fair Lady* and *Kiss Me Kate*.

By all means add this one to your collection. It's a gem.

Sound Effects

Audio Fidelity has come up with another stimulating recording, *Sound Effects*. It is available in both stereo and monaural. However, this is the sort of thing that lends itself admirably to stereo. Sonic effects from all parts of the world have been collected by Sidney Frey, Audio-Fidelity's top man, and recorded on LP for those who want the unusual in sound.

Audio-Fidelity publicists say the recording has a "you are

there" quality. We'll buy that. There are sounds of an automobile crash; the blasting of dynamite; a baby crying; puppies in a pet shop; and other unique sounds including the gaiety of a Chinese New Year celebration.

If you like recorded sound effects this is your dish.

Jo Basile Albums

Accordion music can make for pleasant listening, especially when that master of the accordion, Jo Basile is the player. We recently acquired three of Basile's recordings for Audio Fidelity Records and found them quite diverting.

At the top of the list for obvious reasons is Basile's newest recording of Italian music—*Accordeon di Roma* (volume 2). The haunting beauty of Italian song favorites is recreated with skill by Basile. The selections include Toselli's *Serenata*, *Notte di Napoli*, *Carnival of Venice*, *La Roma Nina*, *La Spagnola*, and *Volo Degli Angeli*. The stereo sound is wonderful.

The other two Basile recordings, also in stereo, are *Berlin With Love* and *Moscow With Love*. The latter album includes some of the more familiar Russian music such as *Two Guitars*, *Russian Sailors Dance*, *Trolka*, *Meadowland*, *Lesinka*, and *Bublicki*. Delightfully done.

The popular Lili Marlene and Macki Messer (Mack the Knife) are among the lovely German selections to be heard in *Berlin With Love*. Other selections played by Basile and his orchestra are *Trink*, *Trink*, *Trink*, *Auf Wiederseh'n Sweetheart*, *Bel Ami*, and *Ich Spur in Mir*.

You'll want all three of these recordings. They're that good.

Myron Cohen Stories

Myron Cohen is one of the best known comedians in show business today. The Ed Sullivan Show, *Toast of the Town*, perhaps more than any other single factor has made Cohen a byword in the entertainment world. Cohen has made some 28 appearances on the Sullivan program so there can be no denying that he has a following.

We are sure that the celebrated raconteur will add to his following with a recording of some of his most famous stories for Audio Fidelity Records.

It's all good fun. In this recording, Cohen scores with the side-splitting *The Scissors Story*. You probably have heard Cohen recite this yarn on TV; if you have we know you'll want the album for your collection. No one, but no one, can tell a Jewish story like Cohen can. Listen to him recite such stories as *Partners*, *Shortages*, *Boiled Beef* and *Idle Conversation* and you'll understand why Cohen is so popular.

Grand Lodges

Elections Highlights of Conventions

The following are election results of five Grand Lodges, including the Women's Division of the Pennsylvania Order:

California

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—Daniel D'Amico of Long Beach was elected Grand Venerable at the 26th California grand convention held at the Biltmore Hotel. He succeeds Ex-Grand Venerable Alfonso J. Zirpoli of San Francisco.

Other officers named were First Assistant Grand Venerable Bruno Giuffrida, San Diego; Second Assistant Grand Venerable Evio Comoli, San Anselmo; Third Assistant Grand Venerable Pat Mastrantonio, San Leandro; Grand Orator Frank Ragone, San Jose; Grand Recording Secretary Vincenzo Melella, San Francisco; Grand Financial Secretary Nina Argento, Boyes Hot Springs; Grand Treasurer Rocco Chiechi, San Francisco; Grand Historian Anthony B. Giordano, Alhambra; Grand Trustees Anthony Pialorsi, Arcata; Miss Evelyn DiPietro, Sparks, Nev.; Mrs. Fay Sola, San Francisco; Joseph Cala, San Jose; Joseph Simile, Modesto; Frank Fraumeni, Long Beach; Justin Tubiolo, Los Angeles, and Anacleto Mazzucchi.

Illinois

ROCKFORD, Ill. — Grand Venerable Humphrey W. Serriella of Chicago was re-elected to a second two-year term at elections highlighting the two-day Illinois grand convention held at the Faust Hotel.

Grand Council members are Ex-Grand Venerable Judge Alexander J. Napoli, Assistant Grand Venerable John G. Spatuzza, Grand Orator Martin R. Buccieri, Grand Recording Secretary Vito D. Signorile, Grand Financial Secretary Mrs. Antonetta Vigna, Grand Treasurer Michael Cifone, Grand Trustees: Ralph Strocchia, Mrs. Catherine Bruno, E. Louis Cordano, Miss Claire Mennichini, Dominick M. Alberti, Frank Mascolo, Anthony Salerno, Victor Lezza and Joseph Ardizzone.

Ex-Grand Venerable DiNapoli and Judge Victor N. Cardosi, Kankakee, were named supreme delegates.

New York

SWAN LAKE, N. Y.—Delegates to the 55th convention of the New York Grand Lodge elected Peter A. Brevett of Cortland, Grand Venerable for the 1961-62 term. He succeeds Judge Carmine A. Ventiera of Brooklyn.

Other Grand Lodge officers are: First Assistant Grand Venerable Salvatore Migliaccio, Second Assistant Grand Venerable Eleonora Iannone, Grand Orator Joseph Micare, Grand Recording Secretary Gregorio Morabito, Grand Financial Secretary Constantine Fascia, Grand Treasurer Joseph Fabrizio; Grand Trustees: Frank Yozzo, Domenico D'Emilio, Dario Ramazzotti, Sano DiBlase, Angela Mirabelli, Rose Thomas, Frank Segreto, Nicholas Russo, Rose Bengie, Angela DeCrescente, Joseph Bologna, Joseph

Supreme Chaplain's Corner

Faith Makes the Difference

By RT. REV. MSGR. GUIDO L. PALLOTTA

A famous author once said: "For those who have Faith, no explanation is necessary; for those who have not Faith, no explanation is possible."

Have you ever discussed religion for hours on end with a non-believer, and after the discussion ended still find yourselves miles apart? His intelligence may be equal, even superior to yours; he may share the same appreciation of the arts and sports as you; you both have everything in common, and you agree on almost everything. But, when it comes to understanding and grasping the fundamental and basic truths and doctrines of religion, he may just as well be an inhabitant of another planet, speaking a strange language.

For instance, he will try to tear apart your convictions about marriage, divorce, birth-control, or your submission to authority of the Church; he cannot understand how an intelligent friend like you can take such a child-like position, which he declares is unjust, or even unnatural. Already he has forgotten the teachings of Christ: "Unless you become as little children, you cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven." He actually believes that you have allowed yourself to be enslaved by the unreasonable demands of the Church, and nothing you may say will make him change his mind.

Why is this? Why are the believer and the non-believer miles apart? The answer is FAITH. The believer who has the gift of Faith has another light in his soul besides the light of reason. The effect of this gift of Faith enables him to see and accept truths that otherwise would be beyond his grasp and comprehension. The non-believer must rely wholly on his light of reason, on the limited powers of his human mind. That is why, for example, he must accept death as the end of it all, whereas the mind illuminated by Faith sees death as the door to Life Eternal; not the end, but the beginning. Men without Faith are like sheep without a shepherd, "carried about with every wind of doctrine."

The light of Faith does not make the believer brainier or smarter than non-believers. It is no tribute to his cleverness. Faith is a gratuitous gift of God. We cannot buy it; we can only ask for it in prayer. Humble prayer, by which we subject our limited intelligence to Intelligence Itself, this only will bring us Faith. Without this Faith it is impossible to please God; it is impossible to save our souls without it.

Amato, George Montopoli, John DiPolito and Peter Vercessi.

Supreme delegates are Judge Ventiera, Andrew Torregrossa, Judge Joseph Yovanditte and Ubaldo N. Marino.

Pennsylvania

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Mrs. Mary Ciccarone of Norristown was re-elected president of the Women's Division.

Other officers are Vice President Frances Davido, Ridgeway; Secretary Fernanda Amadio, Ardmore; Treasurer Angeline Bosco, Monessen; Trustees: Josephine Rossi, Ambridge; Yolanda Prosperini, Ellwood City; Joanne Strollo, Germantown, and Anna Gullo, Philadelphia.

Four additional trustees will serve on appointment by Grand Venerable Eugene V. Alessandrini and approval of the Grand Council.

Massachusetts

CHICOPEE, Mass. — Peter E. Donadio of Dorchester was elected Grand Venerable at the 47th annual convention of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge. He succeeds Ex-Grand Venerable Paul A. D'Agostino of Green Harbor.

Other officers are First Assistant Grand Venerable Madeline Miceli, Medford; Second Assistant Grand Venerable R. Alfred Campisi, Waltham; Grand Orator Joseph Furnari, West Roxbury; Grand Financial Secretary Frank W. Liberatore, Fitchburg;

Grand Recording Secretary Sophie E. Gorrasi, Woburn; Grand Treasurer Jerry Leone, Newton; Grand Trustees: Anthony Pollodoro, Pittsfield; John Moscilli, Milford; Nicholas DiConza, Fitchburg; Mario Colombo, Beverly; Josephine Falco, Waltham; Connie Androettola, Revere; Aldo Calra, Wilmington; Nicholas Barbadoro, Quincy; Louis Salvatore, Brockton; Ann Pascarella, Dorchester; Joseph Nuccio, South Lynnfield, and James McMahon, Auburn, Me.

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GRAND LODGE CONVENTIONS

Massachusetts

Speaker Cites Italy as "True" NATO Partner

CHICOPEE, Mass. — "Italy is a true and tested partner in the great NATO alliance against communism," U.S. Sen. Benjamin A. Smith told more than 400 delegates at the 47th annual convention banquet of the Massachusetts Order.

The Bay State senator said "The Italian Government, despite pressure from the Kremlin, made the courageous decision to install missile bases on its own soil. Those bases are now under construction. Soon they will be ready to defend freedom."

Highlight of the banquet was the presentation of the Republic of Italy's decoration, the "Ordine al Merito della Repubblica," with the rank of "Commendatore," to Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasini of Woburn, Mass.

The award was presented on behalf of the Italian Government by Dr. Alfredo Trinchieri, Italian consul general in Boston.

The honor was conferred on Gorrasini "for his constant efforts to promote and increase the ties of friendship between Italy and the United States and to keep alive the heritage of Italian tradition and civilization; for his action during and after the last world conflict to assist Italians in America and Italy; and for his achievement in having maintained at such a high level the ideals of the Order of Sons of Italy in America, which he has accomplished in the most effective manner possible."

Following his acceptance remarks, the Supreme Venerable gave an extended talk on the accomplishments of the Order's National Public Relations Committee relative to conducting the campaign "to defend the good name of the Italian people in this country."

Other speakers included Grand Venerable Paul A. D'Agostino, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Guido L. Pallotta, Revere, Supreme Chaplain; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Albert A. Jacobbe, East Boston, Grand Chaplain, and Mayor Edward Lysek of Chicopee. Peter E. Donadio, Grand Venerable-elect, was toastmaster.

Among the resolutions adopted by the convention was one lauding Massachusetts Gov. John A. Volpe for signing into law a bill making Columbus Day a full state holiday.

Indiana

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — State Sen. Anthony O. Calabrese of Cleveland, Grand Venerable of the Ohio Order, was principal speaker at the 5th annual Indiana Grand convention banquet. More than 500 persons attended.

Senator Calabrese spoke of the contributions Italians are making to America and highlighted a number of the Order's accomplishments.

Calabrese also served as installing officer in seating the new Grand Council. He was assisted by Ex-Grand Venerable Peter Sabau.

Gov. Mathew Welch, who was unable to attend the banquet, was represented byq State Sen. Eugene Bainbridge. The Rev.

Resolution Asks For Recognition In Public Office

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Delegates to the Pennsylvania grand convention approved a resolution calling for greater recognition of Americans of Italian origin in public life.

The resolve said in part: "At this convention, we are of one mind. We intend to assert ourselves to the end that we will be given the opportunity to be of service to our municipality, our state and our country."

Delegates urged "those in responsible position to cast their eye upon those of our descent who have merit for proper and adequate recognition in public office at all levels."

Fr. Camillo Tiribassi said the invocation.

Other banquet highlights included presentation of the Grand Lodge's membership award to Rose Dykes for her work in recruiting the largest number of new members. American flags were presented to each lodge for display at lodge meetings.

An added highlight was the presentation of a check for \$300 to the National Home fund by Venerable Carmine Tamburro of East Chicago Lodge representing the lodge's quota in the drive. It was also announced that Columbus Lodge had contributed its quota of \$300. James Raucci is lodge venerable.

Grand Venerable Sylvester Yancy accepted the contributions on behalf of Dominic Colone, state chairman, who was unable to attend.

Illinois

ROCKFORD, Ill. — Ex-Supreme Venerable George J. Spatuzza was principal speaker at the Illinois grand convention banquet held at the Faust Hotel.

Spatuzza focused his attention on two main points: Communism and Italian Immigration.

He urged delegates to pass a resolution affirming their anti-communistic principles.

"Communism is bent on world domination . . . This strange and ungodly philosophy seeks to deprive man of his God given freedoms; strip him of his dignity, and make him the subject of a Government, headed by a dictator, who surrounds himself by a band of evil men," he said.

He also urged the Order to keep up its fight of discrimination against Italians in the quota system of immigration.

In pointing up the discrimination in the current quota system, he said:

"Under this system, the annual quota is fixed at 156,387. And the law is so devised that over two-thirds of the entire quota is allotted to Western and Northern countries of Europe, and the balance to Southern and Eastern countries of Europe, and to Asia, Africa and the Pacific. I want to know, that out of 156,387, England and Northern Ireland is allotted 65,361, Germany, 25,814, Ireland, 17,756 and Italy only 5,666. Why such a vast difference in the allotment of quotas between Western and Northern countries and Southern and Eastern countries of Europe?"

Pennsylvania

Carmine DeSapio Is Convention Banquet Speaker

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Carmine DeSapio, Democratic national committeeman from New York City, was principal speaker at the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge's 26th biennial convention banquet held at the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel.

Other speakers included President Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini, Philadelphia, who was re-elected by acclamation; Lt. Gov. John Morgan Davis and Mayor Joseph Barr of Pittsburgh.

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of a Silver Plate Award to Philadelphia Councilwoman Mary Varallo, who was named "Woman of the Year" by the Women's Division. Mrs. Mary Ciccarone, Norristown, president of the division, made the presentation.

Guests included James Trimarchi, Secretary of the Commonwealth; John Torquato, Pennsylvania Securities Commission; Senate President Anthony DiSilvestro; Italian Vice Consul, Mario Gazzola; R. Aldisert, ISDA; Atty. Notari, Sons of Columbus; N. Pellegrini, Knights of Italy; Mary Modena, North Italian Club, and Pittsburgh Councilwoman Ira D'Ascenzo.

Atty. Louis Glasco, convention general chairman, was toastmaster.

In other activities, Senate President DiSilvestro was presented the Sons of Italy Gold Medal at a luncheon held at the Holiday House. Grand Venerable Alessandrini made the presentation.

Speakers included Donald Mangone, convention co-chairman; Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi, Philadelphia; Supreme Financial Secretary Americo A. DeMartinis, Philadelphia, and Mary DiBella, who was presented several gifts from the District lodges.

Supreme Trustee Charles Caputo, IPittsburgh, was toaster.

The convention also honored Dr. C. Alvino with a certificate in recognition of his 50 years as a medical doctor.

Rhode Island

WEST WARWICK, R. I. — A highlight of the day-long Rhode Island grand convention was the collection of \$400 contributed by delegates to the National Home fund. Grand Venerable Luigi Scala, who was reelected, urged lodges to complete their contributions to enable the Grand Lodge to meet its quota of \$6,000 in the drive.

Grand Venerable Scala presented special gold buttons to seven members who have been appointed to public office.

They are: Michael DeCiantis, named to the R.I. Family Court; Raymond J. Pettine, U. S. attorney; Vincent J. Baccari, assistant counsel of the State Department of Public Works; Thomas J. Caldarone, counsel for the State Department of Social Welfare; Anthony A. Giorgio, Kent County sheriff, Vincent A. Ragosta, assistant city solicitor in Providence, and William Favicchio, state bank commissioner.

Dr. Guido Leopizzi, Italian

Rhode Island Resolution

Deterrent to Communism

WEST WARWICK, R. I. — Delegates to the 48th annual Rhode Island grand convention urged the use of Italo-Americans by the U. S. State Department to combat communism throughout the world and in Latin America in particular.

A resolution endorsing this position was adopted after Luigi Scala of Providence, reelected Grand Venerable, said he had suggested to a congressman that a delegation of Italo-American businessmen, teachers and labor leaders be sent to Latin America at their own expense to promote better understanding between the United States and its southern neighbors.

Florida

Spatuzza Presented Plaque

TAMPA, Fla. — More than 300 persons, including delegates and guests, attended the Florida Grand Lodge convention banquet held at the Hillsboro Hotel.

Speakers included Ex-Supreme Venerable George J. Spatuzza of Chicago, Grand Venerable Renzo Abbondandolo of Coral Gables, Ex-Grand Venerable John B. Sartor of Tampa, Braulio Alonso, principal of Thomas Jefferson Senior High School; City Councilman Dick Bacon, Mayor Julian Lane of St. Petersburg and Supreme Trustee Luigi A. Fiorentino of Miami. Anthony Pizzo was toastmaster.

Spatuzza was presented a plaque by Sartor given in appreciation for his service as Supreme Venerable from 1947 to 1956. The citation, inscribed on the plaque, stated he was also made a "member of Honor" of the Grand Lodge.



LATTERI

Following his acceptance remarks, Spatuzza urged members of the Florida Order to wage a constant fight against the advancement of Communism. He also called for the Order to continue to press for changes in current immigration laws and the national quota system, in particular.

In other presentations, Sartor was presented an Ex-Grand Venerable's plaque; and Antonio Certo was awarded a certificate of merit.

A highlight of the program was the presentation of a check for \$1,000 to the National Memorial Home fund drive. State Home Chairman Frank Settecasti of Tampa made the presentation to Ex-Supreme Venerable Spatuzza, who is a member of the National Home Committee and chairman of region 3.

Settecasti was also convention general chairman. He was assisted by Anthony Latteri and Anthony Cangelosi, co-chairmen.

New York Resolution

Seeks Change in Name Vote

SWAN LAKE, N.Y. — Among the resolutions adopted by delegates at the 55th annual New York grand convention was one calling for an expression of opinion by the membership "as to the advisability of changing the name of the Order."

In other resolves, delegates approved the closing of the Albany office; favored the organization of a bowling tournament; changed the system of electing grand trustees; petitioned the Supreme Lodge to provide an index of Grand Lodges and subordinate lodges in the United States and Canada; recommended that one or more members of the Grand Arbitration Committee be an attorney-at-law and that on request a certified shorthand reporter be provided at hearings, and recommended that grand council members subscribe to the "Who's Who" section of "The Purple Aster", a new book being prepared on the history of the Order.

vice consul, presented medals on behalf of Italy's Ministry of Education to Leo Turicchi, chairman of the Italian Language School, Pawtucket, and Ermanno J. Leonelli, editor of the Italian Echo, a weekly published in Providence.

Delegates approved resolutions calling for a Supreme Lodge study of ways and means to inter-

Sessions of the three-day convention were held in the Pauls Hotel. Judge Carmine A. Ventiera of Brooklyn, Grand Venerable, presided.

Grand Recording Secretary Gregorio Morabito of Mount Vernon, state public relations chairman, reported on the Order's campaign "to defend the good name of the Italian people", and the cooperation extended by the committee to A. Alfred Marcello of Worcester, Mass., chairman of the National Public Relations Committee.

Other highlights included the convention banquet, at which Grand Venerable Ventiera was principal speaker. Dr. Emanuel Scammaeca, Italian vice consul in New York, was the speaker at a luncheon.

The city of Utica was selected as the site of the 1962 convention. Past Grand Venerable Ubaldo N. Marino of Ossining, was general chairman.

est the American youth of Italian background to join the Order; and, invited other Italo-American organizations in the state to join the Sons of Italy in establishing annual observances honoring the Italian navigator, Giovanni Da Verrazzano, who reported sighting the shores of Rhode Island in April, 1524.



INDIANA—Venerable Carmine Tamburro of East Chicago Lodge, right, presents lodge's contribution of \$300 to National Memorial Home fund drive to Grand Venerable Sylvester Yaney of Fort Wayne, who accepted on behalf of Dominic Colone, state chairman. Columbus Lodge of Fort Wayne also raised its quota of \$300.



FLORIDA—Ex-Supreme Venerable George J. Spatuzza of Chicago, left, a member of the National Home Committee and a speaker at the Florida Grand Convention held in Tampa, accepts check for \$1,000 for Home fund from Frank P. Settecasi of Tampa, state chairman directing the fund drive to raise Florida's quota of \$4,200. Settecasi elected a supreme delegate, was convention general chairman.

Thumbnail Profiles

The Exchange Students

The students to benefit by the Sons of Italy Foundation foreign exchange student program are:

Anthony Terrizzi, 21, United States; field of study—Italian Language and Culture; requires \$450 for travel to Italy.

Terrizzi has been awarded a full tuition and maintenance grant for a year's study at the Collegio Chialleri in Pavia and needs only travel funds. He is a graduate of Rutgers University and received a bachelor's degree in June.

Miss Paola DeBenedetti, 26, Italy; field of study—Child Psychology; requires \$1,900 for advanced study at the University of Chicago.

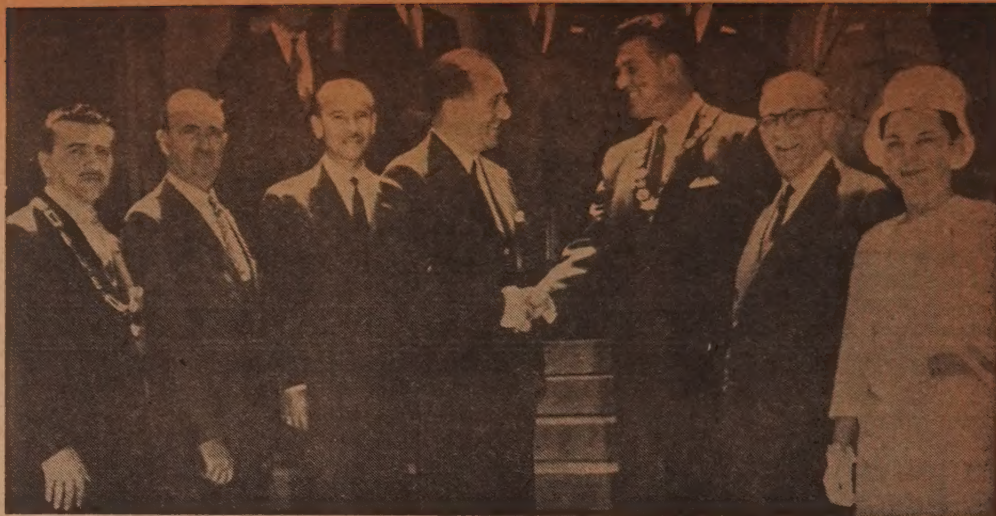
Miss DeBenedetti received her doctorate of Philosophy from the University of Torino in June, 1960, with brilliant marks. The Institute's Selection Committee in Italy describes Miss DeBenedetti as "a well-prepared candidate who has a clear idea of what she wants to do in the United States."

Paolo Braghieri, 24, Italy; field of study—Geophysics (as applied to oil industry); requires \$1,286 for advanced study at an American university.

Braghieri received his doctorate in Geology from the University of Bologna in February 1961 with high marks. The Institute's Selection Committee in Italy described him as "an interesting candidate, who impressed the Committee with his well-balanced personality, his self-assured, poised and pleasant manners, and for his spirit of dedication to scientific studies."

Miss Rosanna Zelocchi, 26, Italy; field of study—American Literature, contemporary poetry; requires \$1,900 for advanced study at an American university.

Miss Zelocchi received her doctorate from the Faculty of Letters, University of Bologna, February 1960. She is currently teaching English at a private secondary school in Bologna, and hopes eventually to become assistant to the Chair of American Literature at the University of Bologna.



ITALIAN OFFICIALS VISIT WELLAND, ONT.—Mrs. Josephine Lavey, Grand Administrative Secretary of the Ontario Grand Lodge, right, participated in civic welcome of Italian officials on steps of Welland's city hall. From left to right, Venerable Peter Lobosco of Dante Lodge No. 19; Count Francesco De Rege, consul general of Italy in Toronto; Dr. Carlo DeFerraris Salzano, Italian Ambassador to Canada; Dr. Ferdinando Storch, Italian Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs; Mayor Michael Perenack, extending the city's greetings; Dr. Paolo Savina, confidential secretary to Dr. Storch, and Mrs. Lavey, who presented Dr. Storch with an engraved pen and pencil set on behalf of the Order at a reception at the Barclay Hotel.

National Memorial Home

Illinois Goes Over The Top

The Grand Lodge of Illinois joins the select circle of Grand Lodges that have gone over-the-top in the National Memorial Home fund drive.

Members of the Illinois Order have raised \$7,200, all of which has been remitted to national headquarters, to surpass the state quota of \$7,000.

Thus, Illinois becomes the fourth Grand Lodge to go over-the-top in the nationwide drive to raise \$400,000 for the erection of the proposed National Home in Washington, D. C.

A contribution of \$500 by Emil M. Callendo of Chicago, past assistant grand venerable, helped put the state over its quota.

Brother Callendo made the contribution in memory of Leo-

pold Callendo, a charter member of America Lodge No. 1151.

State Chairman Anthony A. Paterno of Chicago received the assistance of Ex-Supreme Venerable George J. Spatuzza of Chicago, a member of the National Home Committee who is chairman of region 3; Grand Venerable Humphrey W. Serriella and Grand Financial Secretary Mrs. Antonetta Vigna, both of Chicago, in conducting the statewide drive.

The other three Grand Lodges which have met or surpassed their respective state quotas are The Northwest, Maryland and Virginia.

The Northwest Grand Lodge, which has the distinction of being the first to top its quota of \$3,500

has currently raised \$3,914.50 under the chairmanship of Dr. Nicholas Sarro of Seattle, Wash., Supreme Trustee.

Maryland was the second Grand Lodge and it met its quota of \$1,500. State chairman is Marlon Nasco of Baltimore.

The Grand Lodge of Virginia, Frank Montagna, of Norfolk, state chairman, has raised \$1,605. Its quota is \$1,500.

Recent remittances from nine states totaling \$4,204 has increased the current national total to \$57,926.10.

Remittances received: Alabama, \$98; Connecticut, \$445; Florida, \$1,000; Illinois, \$885; Indiana, \$665; New York, \$100; Pennsylvania, \$825; Rhode Island, \$171, and The Northwest, \$15.

FOUNDATION AT WORK

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bers throughout the country have been concentrating upon raising funds for the Foundation.

"Until now that is all that has been done by the Foundation. We have done nothing in the way of implementing the work of the Foundation, such as the establishment of an exchange student program as was voted at a meeting of the trustees of the Foundation last February at Providence, R. I.

Gorrasl also pointed out that the present action taken by the Foundation was necessitated because of "a recent letter received from the U. S. Internal Revenue notifying us that our petition to have our Foundation approved as a tax-exempt agency has been stayed temporarily."

He said the letter, written by Mr. J. F. Worley, chief of the Exempt Organizations Branch, said in part:

"... It would appear that based on the information furnished that the activities you have engaged in to date are of an organizational nature. Therefore, since your operations so far have not been sufficient to show clearly your method of operation, a ruling relative to your status will not be made at this time.

"If you will submit an application for exemption after you

have actively operated for a sufficient period of time and have made substantial disbursements in furtherance of your stated purposes, further consideration will be given your status."

Cognizant of the contents of the letter Gorrasl said, "If we are to ultimately gain approval from the Internal Revenue Service then we must put our Foundation to work with all speed."

In recent months Supreme Venerable Gorrasl has been in communication with officials of The Institute of International Education.

In a letter dated July 7, the Institute's assistant director of the department of development, Alan H. Jacobs, informed Gorrasl that four students—one American and three Italians—were in need of financial assistance. Mr. Jacobs also sent brief summaries on the four candidates including their financial requirements.

In asking that the Sons of Foundation sponsor the students, Mr. Jacobs letter said in part:

"I sincerely hope that the Order will undertake to sponsor these students and will make a grant to the Institute for this purpose. It is, of course, your prerogative to sponsor fewer than the four students submitted. As I mentioned previously, the students selected by you will be notified of your generosity. The Institute will, naturally,

submit an accounting of the funds either at the end of the school year or when the funds are exhausted."

On July 10, Supreme Venerable Gorrasl, acting on behalf of the Foundation's board of trustees, instructed Supreme Financial Secretary Americo A. DeMartini of Philadelphia, financial secretary of the Foundation, to send a check in the amount of \$5,536 to the Institute for the sponsorship of the four students.



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